

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The substitute specification will not be entered for the following reasons:

Subject to § 1.312, a substitute specification, excluding the claims, may be filed at any point up to payment of the issue fee *if it is accompanied by a statement that the substitute specification includes no new matter.*

A substitute specification submitted *must be submitted with markings showing all the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record.* The text of any *added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text.* The text of any *deleted matter must be shown by strike-through* except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. An accompanying clean version (without markings) must also be supplied. Numbering the paragraphs of the specification of record is not considered a change that must be shown pursuant to this paragraph. See CFR § 1.125 and MPEP 608.01

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

The Abstract has been changed to:

The invention describes a method and a device for positioning insulating glass panes (24, 25) that are arranged in pairs one opposite the other in a vertical assembly and pressing device for insulating glass panes which is part of a production line for insulating glass panes, in which a first glass sheet (24) and a second glass sheet (25) carrying a spacer (27), intended for one insulating glass pane, are fed into the assembly and pressing device in upright position, standing on a horizontal conveyor and leaning against a first supporting device (1, 31), the assembly and pressing device comprising an arrangement consisting of two pressure plates (1a, 2a) that can be transferred from a first position, in which they are inclined in opposite directions, to a second position in which they are positioned one in parallel to the other,

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. The primary reasons for allowance of claim 1 are:

Currently none of the prior art discussed above is considered to teach or make obvious a method that includes the limitations of claim 1 including feeding a first glass sheet and second glass sheet carrying a spacer into an assembly in an upright position, and further conveying a first glass sheet along a first supporting device and transferring to a second supporting device and conveying a second glass sheet on the first

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supporting device as well as conveying the glass sheet in unison against their respective supports.

5. The primary reasons for allowance of claim 8 are:

Currently none of the prior art discussed above is considered to teach or make obvious a method that includes the limitations of claim 8 including a three conveyors, each in combination with two supporting devices capable of being inclined away from one another and brought parallel to one another in addition to means for transferring a glass sheet from a first supporting device to a second supporting device in the are of the horizontal conveyor.

Additionally, none of the prior art cited above teaches pressure plates on each supporting device, nor discusses conveyors that are operated independently from one another. These limitations in combination with those above overcome the closest prior art currently of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The remaining claims are allowable in the least for depending from allowable claims 1 and 8.

Relevant Prior Art

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure Include:

Lendhart (US 4,708,762), Lendhart (US 4,911,779), Lendhart (US 5,051,145), Lendhart (US 5,762,739), Rueckenheim (US 5,573,618), Lengen (EP 0615044), and Lisec (EP 0376926)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jodi Cohen whose telephone number is 571-270-3966. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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